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Applicant : Stephen C. Ekker et al. Art Unit : 3762
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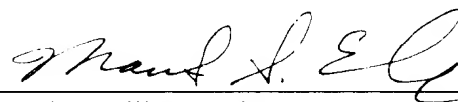
PETITION FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to the action dated August 15, 2001, be extended for one month to and including November 15, 2001.

Enclosed is a check for \$55 for the required fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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